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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 1300X

**Cattaraugus Local Development Corp. – Abandonment Exemption –
In Cattaraugus County, N.Y.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has expired in this:
() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Cattaraugus Local Development Corporation (CLDC) is seeking an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of a line of railroad in Cattaraugus County, New York. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 12.14 miles from milepost 426.5, in the Town of New Albion, to the city line of the City of Salamanca in the Town of Salamanca, which is near milepost 414.1 (the Line). CLDC states that milepost 414.1 is the closest mile marker to the southern boundary of the Line but the actual milepost, if it existed, would be milepost 414.36. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on December 18, 2020 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended no environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the Draft EA

OEA received one comment after issuance of the Draft EA. The New York State Department of Transportation commented that the Senator Pat McGee Trail is a good example of an abandoned rail line being used for recreational purposes.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.